MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MUD CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

HOPEWELL CHURCH, JEFFERSON CO., ALA.

OCTOBER 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 1888

A complete Roll of the Delegates appears in the Tabular Statement on the back of these minutes.

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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

HOPEWELL, ALA., October 20, 1888.

The Mud Creek Baptist Association met, pursuant to adjournment, on Saturday, the 20th day of October, 1888, for the purpose of holding its Seventh Annual Session, at 11 o'clock A. M., with Hopewell Church, Jefferson County, Ala. Hymn No. 689 in Psalmody was sung. Prayer was offered by Elder A. White. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Bro. A. White, from the 14th chapter of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, concluded by Bro. Collier.

Adjourned one and a-half hours for refreshments.

EVENING SESSION.

Hymn No. 390 was sung. Read the 31st division of the Psalms. Prayer was offered by Elder L. B. Harbin.

The Moderator organized the body and proceeded to business. As the roll of the several churches was called, the Delegates came forward and voted for Moderator and Clerk, which resulted as follows: Elder A. White Moderator, and Thos. L. Burchfield Clerk. Bros. A. J. Batson and J. J. Waldrop were appointed to read the letters from the various churches, which were read, and a door opened for the reception of newly constituted churches. Received churches as follows, with letter and delegates: Concord, Pleasant Hill, and Laeodicia, which were received and seated with us.

Called for correspondence. Received from North River, Elder L. B. Harbin, H. A. Key, and Bros. J. T. Busby, J. Sandford, and W. M. Chappel, with letter and minutes. From Canaan: Benjamin Franklin.

Resolved, That this body receive the above correspondents.

Appointed Committee on Devotions, to wit: Bros. H. A. Roberts, T. N. Crowder, A. P. Narimore, with the Deacons of this church.

Documents—B. Hyche, J M. Knight, and B. Quinn.

Nominations—J.J. Waldrop, J. H. Knight, and A.J.Smith.

Finance—J. J. Vance, A. Perry, and M. D. Vines.

Home Missions—T. P. Vandiver, J. M. Knight, W.H.Snow.

Temperance—S. S. Thompson, A. Nickles, J. A. Collier.

Sabbath Schools—R. F. Vines, V. Narrias, and J.W. Boston.

Education—J. I. Gilbert, R. B. Patton, and W. B. Patton.

Deceased Members–A.H.Johnston,G.W.Weaver,J.M.Gilbert.
Indigent Members—J. J. Vance, S. A. Parsons, R. F. Vines, W. H. Batson, B. Hyche, I. Boatner, A. Perry, B.Quinn, A. J. Nickles, and R. D. Davis.

Appointed committee to examine the Associational Book, viz: T. L. Burchfield, A. J. Batson, and G. H. Bean.

Returned correspondence as follows:

North River—J. H. Knight, A. H. Johnson, T. P. Vandiver, B. Quinn, J. J. Butler, W. H. Snow, and A. White.

Canaan—B. S. Thompson, J. I. Gilbert, and J. M. Knight.

Tuscaloosa—B. S. Thompson and J. I. Gilbert.

Resolved, That this body adjourn until 8:30 Sunday morning. Hymn No. 435 in Psalmody was sung, and prayer offered by Bro. B. S. Thompson.

SUNDAY SESSION.

Met at 9:30. Prayer meeting conducted by Bro. G. H. Bean. Dismissed 15 minutes. Reassembled at 11 o'clock, by singing Hymn 981. The Missionary Sermon was preached by Elder J. I. Gilbert, from 1st chapter, 28th verse, of the Acts of the Apostles; concluded by Bro. L. B. Harbin. Dismissed until 2 o'clock. Reassembling, Bro. L. B. Harbin preached from the 10th chapter, and 10th verse of Romans; concluded by Bro. H. A. Key.

Dismissed until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

MONDAY SESSION.

Monday morning at 9 o'clock, the body met, according to adjournment. Hymn 523 in Psalmody was sung. Read division of Psalms. Prayer by the moderator. Took up business.

Extended an opportunity for correspondence. Received Bro. E. B. Franklin from Canaan Association.

Bro. R. F. Vines was appointed to read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum, which were read.

Adopted a resolution seating all the ministers of this association, and entitling them to all privileges except voting.

Resolved, That no one shall speak more than five minutes at one time.

The Committee on Nominations reported:

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to report that we find a request from two churches, to wit: Rock Creek and Mud Creek, asking for the next session of this body. We recommend that the next annual session of the Mud Creek Association meet with Rock Creek Church, Jefferson county, Ala., 20 miles west of Birmingham; Elder J. N. Mc-

Falls to preach the Introductory Sermon—A. Batson, Alternate. Elder A. White to preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock Sunday—P. A. Wilkey, Alternate. J. J. Waldrop, Chairman.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported:

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, report that there seems to be but three of our Association that are attending to this good work. We recommend that this Association advise the Churches, through their pastors, to become more interested in this all-important work; to enlighten the minds of the young in the Word of God, who will have to take the place of the old. We, as members of our churches, should use our influence by helping our preachers to establish Sabbath Schools in our Association. R. F. Vines, Chairman.

The Committee on Deceased Members reported:

We find since our last annual session the following deaths, viz: Sister Mary F. Burchfield, of Prude's Creek; Bros. Franklin Hughes and A. J. Hawton, and Sister Martha Thompson, of New Providence; Sister Elizabeth Narimore, of Big Creek; Bro. A. J. Burchfield, of Friendship; Bro. Edward Dunkin, of Rock Creek; Bro. Leander Smith, of Smithville; Sister Hannah Crooks, of Oak Grove; Sister Kisey Hicks, of Village Creek. A. H. Johnson, Chairman.

The Committee on Documents reported:

We, your Committee on Documents, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the documents from several churches, and find a request from Rock Creek Church and one from Mud Creek Church, for the next session of this body to be held with them. B. Hyche, Chairman.

The Committee on Education reported:

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to report that we believe it is our duty to educate our children, in order to enable them to understand the Word of God, that they may be able to detect the unsound doctrine that we believe is advocated in our land, and may grow worse as time develops; and we earnestly advise the members of this association to do all they can for their children, and for orphans, and we advise this body to work up a permanent system to educate our children.

J. I. Gilbert, Chairman,

The Committee on Temperance reported:

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report as follows: That there are many evils in connection with intoxicating liquors, such as jesting, joking, tattling, striking with the tongue, and busybodies in other men's matters. Either of these evils should be guarded against as much as intoxicating liquors, which we know to be a great evil in our land. Intoxicating liquors should not be used only as an antidote against diseases. We recommend that all churches be temperate in all things, and let our moderation be known unto all men. B. S. Thompson, Ch.

The Committee on Home Missions reported:

Believing that our association stands in need of the itinerant work, we recommend that this body place in our bounds and adjacent bounds, an

itinerant to preach and organize Sabbath Schools and churches for the associational year, in the destitute parts. T. P. VANDIVER, Ch'm.

Appointed an Executive Committee, viz: J. J. Vance, H. A. Roberts, B. Hyche, R. F. Vines, B. Quinn.

Called for Treasurer's Report, and received none.

The Finance Committee reported:

We find amount for minutes, $19.25; associational purposes, $11.90.

J. J. VANCE, Chairman.

The Committee to Examine Associational Book reported: We have examined the Association Book, and found it in good style. G. H. BEAN, Chairman.

Bro. J. J. Vance was appointed Treasurer for the next associational year.

Adjourned until half-past one o'clock for refreshments. At the stated time, the body assembled by singing. After singing hymn 642, and prayer by Bro. Collier, proceeded to business. Received report of Executive Committee:

We, the Executive Committee, beg leave to report that this association assign the itinerant work to Elder J. A. Markham, commencing the 1st of July, 1889, and continuing until the next session of this body; to preach to the destitute places of the Mud Creek Association and to work for the good of the cause of Jesus Christ. We recommend that this association pay him seventy-five dollars for his labors—paying him what money the Treasurer may have on hand at the time he commences the work, and the balance at our next session. J. J. VANCE, Chairman.

A collection amounting to $15.65 was taken up.

Resolved, That this body tender their sincere thanks to the members of Hopewell Church and vicinity, and of Mt. Ida Church, for their kindness in entertaining our body.

Resolved, That we have 600 minutes and 100 blank letters printed for the several churches to use in corresponding with the association.

On motion, the Committee on Indigent Members was extended to widows and orphans.

Resolved, That the Clerk have ten dollars for services.

Resolved, That the Moderator have $7.90; also, gave Bros. L. B. Harbin and B. S. Thompson $2.55 each.

Resolved, That this body adjourn, to meet with Rock Creek Church, on Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in October, 1889, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Delegates gave the parting hand. Dismissed in order.

THOS. L. BURCHFIELD, Clerk. A. WHITE, Moderator.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES. (Absentees marked *)	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Died	Total Members	Minute Fund	Assoc'l Fund.
Antioch	J. F. Price	Hayes	B. Hyche, W.J.Burchfield,* Wm. Sellers, H. Oswalt,* Wm. Scales,*—N.Oswalt,* alt		2	7	2			35	1 00	50
Black Warrior	L. B. Harbin	Hayes	J. I. Gilbert, A. Gilbert,* A. H. Johnson, A. P. Narimore, W.N.Gilbert,*—S.Milner*	1	1	3				27	90	25
Blue Creek			L. A. Martin.									
Big Creek	S. M. Hosmer		E. Gilmer.* G. W. Weaver, L. F. Johnston,* C. Johnston,*						1	19	50	50
Friendship	J. F. Price	Hayes	Wm. Hannah,* J. M. Hendrix,* H. Hosmer,* T. J. Hogg,* W. J. Hannah,*	12	8	7	2	1	1	47	1 00	55
Freewill	A. White	Quinton	B. Quinn, O. T. Quinn, J. A. Butler, J. W. Porter, J. H. Moulden.*	3	2	10		2		17	1 05	1 00
Howewell	A. White	Toadvine	A. White, W. H. Snow, J. Prescott, J. B. Justice, L. Vines,*—Ely Vines, Alt.	10	2	16				42	1 00	65
New Providence	J. F. Price	Hayes	B. S. Thompson, C.B.Gwin,* W.R.Patton, R.B.Patton,* J.B. Benton,* S.M.Hosmer.*	10		16	1		3	30	75	25
Oak Grove	A. White	Ezra	A. J. Batson, P. A. Wilkey,* J. N. McFalls, J. M. Knight, G. H. Bean.	11	2		1	2	1	78	1 75	75
Pleasant Ridge	Wm. Hannah	Hayes	J. Boatner,-J.O.Waller,* J.A.Williams,* P Wallace,* C.C.Hamner,*—B.Battle, Alt.	8	4					46	1 00	50
Prude's Creek	P. A. Wilkey	Hayes	J. N. Burchfield,* J. M. Gilbert, T. L. Burchfield, R. P. Stanley,* E. C. Beck.*							72	1 25	75
Rock Creek	J. N. McFalls		J. J. Waldrop, J. H. Waldrop,* J. M. Waldrop,* J. C. Riley,†J.R.Reaves,—T.Reaves.			4	2	1	1	36	1 25	
Mount Ida	H. A. Key	Wilmington	G. N. Miller, H. A. Roberts, A. Perry, W. A. Roberts, J. H. Knight.				1			29	1 00	85
Valley Creek	J. N. McFalls	Brownville	E. Hicks,† J. Hicks, J. Boyd,† A. J. Nickols, J. Woodward,—J. McKeney,† Alt.	4		1			1	32	75	50
Smithville	O. J. Waldrop	Toadvine	J. Franklin, M. B.Roberts, J. H. Snow, J. A.Markham, A.J.Smith, R. L.Smith.	4	4	2	2		1	57	75	50
Mud Creek			S. V. Travis,† T. R. Cargile,† N. C. Hammond, F. M.Goodwin,†—D. A. Howton, Alt			6	1			63	75	
Sardis	J. N. McFalls	Jonesboro	J. W. Parsons,† G. Cox, J. Satfield,† J. M. Price.† J. M Kent.†							25	1 00	
Liberty	A. White	Shortcreek	A. Vines, McD. Tines, J. Vines, Eli Vines, J. J. Vance,—J. T. Vines, Alt.	10	1	1		3		72	50	75
Concord	A. White	Earnest	R. F. Vines, J. Collier, T. N. Crowder, N. S. Meek, J.V.Norris,—C.L.Dobbs, Alt.							31	2 00	1 25
Pleasant Hill	A. White	Toadvine	S. P. Vines, H. T. Vines, B. M. Salter,† W. Salter, J. Glaze.	4	5					16	65	45
Lacodicio	H. A. Key	Quinton	T. P. Vandiver, J. J. Stephens,† F. T. Lantrip, J. T. Bunch.	9	12				1	20	50	50